

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A resource management and billing system in a satellite communications network, which is capable of monitoring and verifying resource usage by terminals in the network. The system employs features of the satellite terminals, payload control computer and satellite demodulators, and a network operations control center. The satellite terminal maintains a record of the number of packets requested from the payload control computer. These packets represent the usage history data of each satellite terminal. In addition, using the payload control computer and a satellite demodulator, the satellite maintains records of the number of packets requested by the satellite terminal. The satellite terminal and the payload control computer send the data to the network operations center which audits the data to determine the accuracy regarding the requested amount of resources, and to verify the accuracy of usage data reported by the satellite terminal.